

# Independent Redistricting Commission



## Application FAQs

### **What is the responsibility of a Commissioner?**

The main responsibility of a Commissioner will be to conduct an open and transparent process with public input to redraw the Council district boundaries. The Commission has the exclusive authority to redraw the boundaries in compliance with applicable law, independent of Mayor and City Council control. The final map will be decided by the Commission and will go into effect when adopted.

### **What is the criteria the Ethics Commission will use to determine the subpool?**

The Ethics Commission will include applicants in the subpool based on their relevant analytical skills, familiarity with the city's neighborhoods and communities, ability to be impartial, and ability to work cooperatively with other potential commissioners. The subpool should also reasonably reflect the City's diversity, including but not limited to, racial, ethnic, gender and sexual orientation.

### **What happens if there aren't enough applicants at the end of the application period?**

The charter requires an applicant pool of at least 35 qualified applicants, including at least three from each current council district. If either of these requirements are not met, the application period will reopen for one additional month, through July 31, 2020.

### **What is time commitment for Commissioners?**

The Independent Redistricting Commission is scheduled to meet every other week beginning in December 2020 through November 2021, totaling approximately 20 - 30 meetings. The term of office for the Commission is for ten years, December 1, 2020 - January 1, 2030, but following the adoption of the final map, the Commission will stop meeting unless reconvened by a court order, by the City Attorney to consider settlement options if the final map is legally challenged, or by the City Council to address significant population changes.

### **What are the restrictions for Commissioners?**

The restrictions for Commissioners include the following:

1. A commissioner is ineligible, for a period of ten years beginning from the date of their appointment, to hold city elective office.
2. A commissioner is ineligible, for a period of four years beginning from the date of their appointment, to be appointed to another city commission, to serve as a paid staff for or as a paid consultant to any city elected official to receive a non-competitively bid contract with the city, or to register as a city lobbyist.
3. While serving on the Commission, a commissioner shall not endorse, work for, volunteer for, or contribute to any candidate campaign for City elective office. Commissioners choosing to engage in such activity may resign at any time, including after the approval of a final map to ensure that the commissioner no longer serves if the Commission is reconvened to redraw districts.